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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuing patent application of:

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TREPONEMA
PALLIDUM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 35 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims, and an abstract
- ☒ 17 sheet(s) of drawings
- ☒ 3 pages of a Declaration
- ☒ New (unsigned) original
- ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- ☒ Computer Readable Copy
- ☒ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy), 30 pages
- ☒ Statement in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 verifying identity of above copies.

Continuing Application:

☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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- ☒ The entire disclosures of the prior applications are considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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